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Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2014 Black List XIII

Tasting Notes:

Rapturously ruby in the glass, this beguiling Bordeaux-style blend brings together equal parts of remarkable cabernet and merlot fruit from two of our most preferred vineyard blocks at opposite ends of Napa Valley. The wine's expressive nose opens with aromas of black fruit, anise, violets, baking spices, enhanced by notes of clove and cedar. Black cherry, and hints of black tea, dry herbs, washed stone and soft tannins help reveal a balanced, delicately structured wine, with a sinewy smoothness that leads to a graceful, lingering finish. Agile, pretty, resolute, but soft-spoken at this stage (should age handsomely 12-15 years), the wine is reminiscent of a picturesque jump shot by Klay Thompson* ...whose transcendent launch, release, and arc are beautiful to behold, and even better to appreciate at completion.

The grapes (337-clone) that made this wine are a classic combination of cabernet grown from hand-picked rows found within Caldwell Vineyard's remarkable Block-15, complemented with the striking lush merlot of Ink-Grade on Howell Mountain. The resulting wine is notable for its complexity and depth.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and— recently heralded by Robert Parker as one of the top nine winemakers in the world. “*Where possible, I will minimize winemaking techniques in the cellar so I can create a wine that tells the story of the vineyard. In the end, it must be about the fruit.*”

Wine Facts

Varietal Composition:	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot
Vineyards:	Coombsville, Howell Mountain
Production:	147 cases
Harvest Date:	September 18 th , October 7 th , 2014
Cooperage:	24 months: Cabernet: 100% new French oak; Merlot: 9% new
Bottle Date:	February 15, 2017
Release Date:	November 1, 2017

*...NBA/Golden State Warriors off-Guard, #11

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